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Monday, February 4, 1884.

"PUTTING MY FOOT IN IT" is the title of a new play in which it is said Mr. Hewitt will appear next season as the leading WHO pays A. M. Gibson for the time

spent with the Committee on Expenditures of the Department of Justice? It is not his habit to give his time for nothing.

Would it not be better if the Fitz-John Porter case were changed to the John Porter fits case !- Mirries News.

It would, for the opponents of this measure of justice caught fits by a vote of

184 to 78. THE Wall street magnates are rigging the market for another shearing of the lambs It all depends on the dear public. If the d. p. does not rush in, the magnates aforesaid will soon commence shearing each

other, for somebody must be shorn, THE Forcet and Stream, quite an authority in yachting matters, says of Captain Lundborg's scheme, now before Congress: The whole scheme is silly, and can fittingly be classed with the Voortees steam catama-ran, the poterious Meteor, the "Globe" steamer, the Keely motor and similar hum-bugs of the day.

Tire so-called sportsmen of Williams town, N. J., who indulged in a hunt after s broken legged fox last Friday are worse than brutes. - Every one of the alleged gentlemen would get sixty days from Judge Snell in the twinkling of an eye, and deserve it too.

THE spring meeting of the National Jockey Club will be held at Ivy City May 13, 14, 15 and 16. Eight stakes will be run, and will close March 1.

There is every indication of a success ful meeting. Many of the best horses of the country will be here, and the lovers of the turf anticipate a glorious time.

How can the Vice-President of the United States consistently not as counsel for the Drawbaugh Telephone Company This company seeks to overthrow the Bell and other patents, not only in the courts, but [in the Patent Office. Doesn't the V. P. know that he is employed simply because it is thought his honored name will help to boost the Drawbaugh claim with the Patent Office officers?

THE efforts of the ex-Confederate soldiers of Virginia to establish a home for indigent brother Confederates is worthy all praise and generous assistance. THE CRITIC hopes the project will succeed and the example be followed by all the States of the late Confederacy, and hopes it to the amount of one HUNDRED dollars, which the treasurer of the organization is hereby authorized to draw for upon this office.

In the death of Wendell Phillips the world loses its greatest brator and mankind its truest friend. His eloquence will be heard no more in the land, but his example, his self-sacrificing spirit, will live to encourage the workers in the cause of our common humanity through all ages. His words can never die until the English lauguage is blotted from the earth: And the monument to his memory is the grateful affection of true hearts everywhere.

BREWSTER, Attorney-General, makes a mittee on Expenditures of the Department of Justice. He will give him all the clerks and special agents he wants to travel about the country and search out evidences of frand and corruption. Of course he will, But Mr. Springer should not be deceived. What Brewster, Attorney-General, really wants to do is to divert attention from himself. It is the head of the Department that needs to be investigated, and the evidence can all be found in the papers on file in the Department of Justice, or the Treasury Department.

THE cotton operatives at Fall River, Mass., went out last Saturday on a strike. Eight thousand laborers idle! And yet protection is said to protect.

The trouble is it does not protect the workman who needs protection. That was abundantly shown by Mr. Powderly, representing the Knights of Labor, on last Saturday to the House Committee on Labor. If we must have protection let human muscle and human brains come in for a share of it. And it should have the bigger share, just as much bigger as human life and happiness is greater and of more im portance than the accumulation of lucre.

Information for Mr. Springer.

Brewster, Attorney-General, has put at the disposal of Mr. Springer's committee 'the entire force of special examiners of the Department to be sent alone or with sub committees to investigate alleged irregularities in offices of United States officials." An unsophisticated person at a distance after reading of the kind offer of the Attorney-General, would be led to believe that

the information was complete. Mr. Springer might just as well understand first as last that the policy of the De-partment of Justice, so-called, is to throw him and his committee off the track if possible, so as to prevent an investigation into the expenditures of the so-called Department of Justice in the late Star-Route

Mr. Springer may as well understand now as at some future time that the motives of A. M. Gibson in this instance are precisely what they were when all this Star-Route business was inaugurated; not to benefit the Government and advance the cause of concesty in the affairs of the country, but

for pelf.

Mr. Springer may as well understand now as to see it in the future that the object of Brewster and his special attorney is to prevent an honest, careful and painstaking overhauling of the expenditures in the late Star-Route cases

Mr. Springer might as well be informed now as in the future that A. M. Gibson in this investigation is but the mouthpiece of one of the late special attorneys in the Star-Route cases, and is doing his bidding for no other purpose than to defeat the investigation of the mode and manner of the Department of Justice in the ex-

penditures of moneys in the late Star-Routs trials.

Gibson cares nothing about whother, the Government was plundered by the special attorneys and detectives or not. He is not after them. He has played them, to use a common remark, for all they are worth to

"The Critic" Wants to See More pleasant days such as we had yester

The river open and pusiness booming or

A hearty welcome extended to the Illinois ress Association. The Mississippi River Convention to meet

to morrow recommend something practical for the improvement of the great river. Mr. Springer's committee devote more tention to the head of the Department of Jus-tice and not so much to the tail.

More girls taking advantage of leap year

and a livelier matrimonial market. (P. 8.— There is nothing selfish in this, for all the good husband material on THE CRITIC is either captured or about to be).

The Senate act promptly on the Fitz-John Porter bill. Senators and Representatives given to understand that the offices of this country were not created for the special benefit of their fam-

illes and relatives. Two strong representative man sent from this city as delegates to the Chicago Conven-

The young bloods who don't want their names to appear in Police Court proceedings keep out of questionable places. Things called by their right names and the vulgar thief in fustian and the kleptomania in silk treated altke.

The Real Star-Route Conspiracy.

W. F. Wood.

Had it been the belief of the special attorneys of the Government that any Star-Route contractors were illegally obtaining money from the Government, payments to such contractors could have been at once suspended, and not one dollar could have been obtained by them until a proper and satisfactory investigation of their cases had been made; and had it been the intention of these attorneys to recover any amounts which it was believed had been illegally obtained from the Government, such amounts could have been recovered under existing laws, without recourse to the doubtful, and, as it has proved, fruitless method of prosecution they actually adopted. But this was not the aim of either Bliss or Brewster. Their whole procedure was a fraud and an infamy from the outset, the purpose of which was to have a pretext for the exorbitant fees they and their associates have received from the Government, and which is simply a robbery of public money rivaling in shamplessness the alleged conspiracy to defaud the Government which they pretended to have unearthed.

St. Biasius' Day.

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Balto. Sun to-day.

In the Catholic Church yesterday was observed as St. Blasins' Day. St. Blasius is looked upon in that church as the patron of throats, for the reason that during his life he cured large numbers of persons of a peculiar throat disease in the mountainous districts of Europe, where it was generally prevalent. Out of this grew the ceremony of blessing throats on his feast day. As a general things it was not introduced into this country until of late, but its observance has grown in extent every year. In nearly all the Catholic churches of Baltimore the ceremony was performed yesterday after the different masses. Those desiring to have their throats blessed approached the attar railing, and the priest, placing two-crossed candles upon the throat of each, pronounced in Latin the words: "Through the intercession of St. Blasius, blabop and martyr, may God free thee from all evil of the throat, and from any other evil whatsoever, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghoet."

The Devil's Barnyard.

Sedalla Democrat.

Harrison, the "boy preacher," has attacked St. Louis. He must be a plucky fellow to attack the devil in his own parmyard—or words to that effect.

A Pertinent Question.

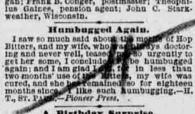
What does Bergeant-at-Arms Leedom of the House do with the baked meats of Congress-ional functain

'Republican Associations.

A mass-meeting will be held in Grand Army Hall, corner of Seventh and I. streets northwest, this evening at 7 o'clock sharp, for the purpose of considering the advisability of forming a National Republican Association to be composed of the respective State Republican associations and Republicans from the several States and Territories now residing in the District of Columbia.

All persons interested in the welfare of the Republican party are urgently and cordially invited to attend.

William Lawrence, Ohio; Robert F. Growell, Minnesota; Jacob W. Starr, New Jersey; W. W. Dudley, Indiana; A. A. Freeman, Tennessee; N. C. McFarland, Kansas; Frank Hatton, lowa; Green B. Raum, Illinois; R. S. Widdicombe, Maryland; Harry Sherwood, Michigan; Frank B. Conger, postmaster; Theophius Gaines, pension agent; John C. Starkweather, Wisconsin.



A Birthday Surprise.

Last evening Mr. Kaufman, the East Washington clothier, ceiebrated his 39th year at the residence of his mother-in-law, corner Seventh and I streets, there being no one prosent but the family circle, which comprised quite a merry little group. The surprise was a very handsome pair of crayons of Masters Harry and Milton Kaufman, executed by one of our well-known Washington artists. The presentation address was made by Master Harry, and spoken in a manly manner. After presenting other small tokens from other members of the family, they were all invited to the spacious dining-room, where a well-spread table awaited those that wanted to do justice to the inner man. A few toasts were offered to the host and hoetess, after which all repairs to their homes. A Birthday Surprise.

has cured me of Catarra, was afficted ten years. I tried almost only remedy recom-mended; none proved o elective and ther ough.—S. E. sailer, wholesaler of shoes, 143 Federal areet, Boston, Mass. A Texas Brave on the Warpath.

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A dispatch to the Gaiveston (Tex.) News from Austin says: "Ben Thompson, who, pistol in hand, recently cleared a bacquet hall half filled with members of the late Cattlemen's Convention, became incensed yesterday at certain strictures published in the austin Statessian, entered the composing-room of that paper, flourished a pistol and forced the printers to retreat. He then pied two galleys, smashed a lamp and left. Subsequently he was arrained in court, and while there struck Mr. Weasles twice with a chair, for which he was fined \$50 for contempt of court. Last night Thompson notified Mr. Gaines, proprietor of the Statesman, that he would hold him personally responsible for a repetition of the strictures. A force of twenty men and several policemen gnarded the Statesman office last night."

Revival Services at Hamline (M. E.

Church.

Miss Grace Wiser, the revivallet, is holding forth at Hamline (M. E.) Church. Three meetings were held by her yestorday, at which, in the aggregate, one hundred persons were at the altar. She is as simple and plain as a child in her exhortations, and no attempt is made at theelogical argument or to speak sentences complete and perfect in rhetorical construction. Her success lies entirely in her exrectness, sincerity, complete sinking of self in the attempt to reach the hearts and consciences of her hearters. Revival services will be held every evening this week, canducted by Miss Wiser.

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Rather Unfortunate. On Friday evening last Mrs. Dr. A. C. Tabe tother in-law of Wm. H. Hazard, of 1417 Co. mother in-law of Wm. H. Hazard, of 1417 Cor-coran street, while attending a meeting of the Unity Club at W. G. Duckett's, of the West End, made a mis-stop, and falling on her side broke the large bone of her right wrist, be-sides tsaring the ligaments in a fearful man-ner. It will be remembered by many that Mrs. Taber, about a year and a hair age, had a similar fail, that time breaking the bone of her ankle and severing the ligaments, and in consequence has been compelled to use crutches ever since.

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